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Hon. William E. Colby  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I was delighted to hear from Angus Thuermer that you will be able to dine with our new class of Nieman Fellows on Tuesday evening, November 5th, at the Harvard Faculty Club. I had hoped that we might get you to Cambridge for a relaxed, off-the-record meeting with Niemans ever since your appointment, and I much appreciate your willingness to come.

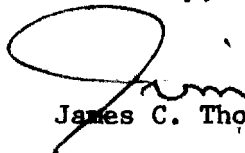
Our format is very informal. We gather for drinks at 6:30 p.m. in a private room, sit down to dinner at about 7:15, and start our discussion shortly after 8:00. We don't ask for speeches; but we do invite the visitor to kick off with whatever thoughts he thinks might help structure the question-and-answer discussion. I would assume that "The Press and the Intelligence Community," or some such, might be a natural focus; but I leave it up to you. Our group will consist of 21 Niemans from the U.S. and abroad, plus their spouses and our office staff. (I enclose a list of the Fellows.)

Please have your office let us know what we can do to help on logistics (for instance, lodging at the Faculty Club). My assistant, Lois Fiore Joiner, can be reached on 617-495-2237.

It will be a pleasure to see you again. Incidentally, I much admire what you are doing in expanding the Agency's "openness"--and hope that our session will help.

With my thanks and best regards,

Sincerely,



James C. Thomson Jr.

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cc: Angus Thuermer